Minutes
Missouri Alliance for Arts Education
State Board Meeting
Missouri River Regional Library, Jefferson City, Missouri
January 12, 2013
Prepared by Michael Dove, Secretary

Attending: Jeff Melsha, Linda Huck, Pam Schnake, Michael Dove, Ben Martin, Connie Shoemaker, Michael Gaines, Jeff Sandquist, Darren Verbick, Julie Hale, Alice Bloch, Brian Reeves, Vicki Bean

Chair Jeff Sandquist called the meeting to order and formally announced the resignation of MAAE Executive Director, Deborah Fisher. Ben Martin made the motion to “reluctantly accept the resignation of Deborah Fisher as Executive Director of the Missouri Alliance for Arts Education”. It was seconded by Alice Bloch. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion on the position of the interim director followed. Ben Martin was approached and agreed to act as the interim director while a search committee is formed to look for a new Executive Director. Michael Gaines volunteered to work on the search committee. Alice Bloch made the motion to “accept Ben Martin as the Interim Executive Director”. It was seconded by Connie Shoemaker and the motion carried with Ben Martin abstaining.

There was further discussion on the duties of the Interim Executive Director. Based on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, Ben Martin expressed his willingness to remain as a voting representative of Missouri Thespians during his role as Interim Executive Director. Pam Schnake made the motion for “Ben Martin to continue as a voting member representing the Thespians”. It was seconded by Connie Shoemaker and carried unanimously.

Discussion on the secretary position vacated by Ben Martin followed. Michael Dove was approached and agreed to assume the duties of secretary. Ben Martin made the motion to “accept Michael Dove as the Secretary for the Missouri Alliance for Arts Education”. The motion carried unanimously.

Jeff Melsha presented treasurer’s report. Linda Huck made the motion to accept the treasurer’s report. It was seconded by Vicki Bean. The motion carried unanimously. Julie Hale suggested reaching out to professional arts organizations as members/supporters. There was discussion concerning the 2013 budget. The format is somewhat confusing and some errors in the math. Jeff Sandquist announced that format of the budget will be revised to be easier to understand.

The board reviewed the written report from former executive director, Deborah Fisher.

Committee Reports:

Advisory Council - Vicki Bean reported that they are working on a mission statement to clarify the purpose of the committee.
**MO Arts Education Collaborative** - Darren Verbrick reported that the Collaborative’s philosophy is to educate the whole child which includes the arts. He stated that Common Core is a major topic, he is hopeful that it will be a good thing for the arts.

**Awards** - Jeff reported that they are planning to give awards in May but more information would come later. Also, we do have an application for the KCAAE.

**Make Music Missouri Radio Show** - Jeff reported that the first show would air in March. The pilot would be an hour including the recordings from last year’s all-state ensembles. The goal is to have established ensembles around the state submit recordings. There was discussion on expanding the project to include the rest of the arts; and a discussion on copyright issues. We need to remember this discussion for the 2014 grant writing.

**Panera Art Project** - tabled at this time.

**DESE Collaborative Associations Focus Groups**

**Student Growth Measures** - Connie Shoemaker - reported that the common core is focusing on the whole child. That everything requires professional development for both teachers and administrators but there is no money. She thinks that the state legislated Show-Me Standards has been changed to just Standards on the Legislative site. There will be further research in this area.

**Evaluator Training and Feedback** - Vicki Bean reported that the purpose of the meeting was to find and train the evaluators that will go into the classrooms. She is not sure how effective the process will be. A model is already in place and is being field tested.

**Probationary Period** - Jeff reported that this is the replacement for the mentoring program. There is a possibility that this will lead to districts receiving help from outside professions in the subject area of that new teacher. There was discussion about how administrators view evaluation and purpose of a mentor.

**MAC Funding** - Julie Hale reported on the history of the arts funding processes. The Cultural Trust fund is down to 1.2 million. In FY13, MAC was finally back in the legislative budget for $600,000. The governor could appropriate additional funds for FY14. MAC needs an additional 3 million to stay even with FY13 funding. The state has enjoyed $150 million in revenue from the Athletes and Entertainers Tax over the past 5 years while the MAC has spent its trust fund down. Arts advocates on the ground are getting rebellious and talking petition drives. MAC is moving forward with the FY14 grant application process, but there is no guarantee of funding for these programs. The question was raised, could the MAAE Advisory Council help to develop resources?

**MSIP 5 Resource and Process Standards** - SBoE has not addressed the concerns at this time. The state board will meet January 22-23. The have until February to comment on letters received. Julie Hale spoke about how ELI has affected Rev. Archie; the Alliance
funds have really influenced Rev Archie. Julie reviewed the history of the arts not getting the full level of support in MSIP 5.

Discussion followed on working with the new state legislators on the following topics: Letters to governor to reference the 16% of sports and entertainers tax and that the trust fund is almost depleted. Need a minimum of 3 million to remain consistent.

**Kyna report by phone**—our work is cut out for us with the new freshmen. We need the governor to give a good recommendation for funding; a minimum of $3 million to continue funding levels from this year. About MSIP 5: DESE has received many letters and e-mails. They have 60 days to respond so that will be by February 1.

**Grant writing and compliance.**

Jeff Sandquist reported that there are MAC forms to be filled out, filling our responsibilities for the MAC grant. MAAE may be able to fund a presenter at the dance conference in June.

**Francis Family Foundation**

- SMArts must increase members.
- There is some money left over from last year to help fund projects this year.
- The Show-Me Arts Facebook page is up.
- Fine Arts Education Day - May 1, 2013
- Fine Arts Cards #1 (finished)#2 and #3 still to come
- Reviewed responsibilities of those who volunteered to help at FAED.

Jeff Sandquist suggested drafting a letter that would be sent out to possible corporate sponsors. Ben Martin will be updating the membership brochure. It will be printed before the MMEA conference. Jeff Sandquist will provide a color MAAE logo for the MMEA conference display booths.

**Fine Arts Education Day**

There need to be signs on legislator’s doors announcing that students from their district are performing at Fine Arts Day. The person(s) distributing these signs would need to go in the office to ask permission to post and invite the legislators to the performance.

There was discussion about having a May Pole at the capital. We could have colored ribbons representing: music, theater, dance, visual arts. The night before, students could write on the ribbons their reason for participating in the arts.

If you have any ideas that would help promote the arts (Facebook, etc.) please send them to Jeff Sandquist.

Connie Shoemaker made the motion to adjourn. Vicki Bean seconded. The motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Next Meetings: Tuesday, April 30, Jefferson City
Thursday, June 13, 2013 Jefferson City